

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Outagamie County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

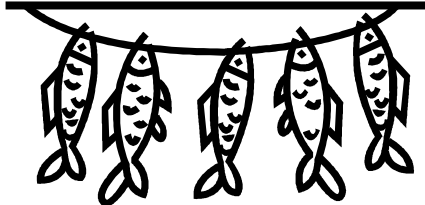
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RESIDENT HUNTERS

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

\$1.4 billion



In Outagamie County, **93,692** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **1,705 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Outagamie County.

Black Otter Lake was stocked with **5,485 small fingerling black crappie, 4,990 small fingerling bluegill, 1,300 yearling yellow perch and 1,085 large fingerling largemouth bass** in 2014.

The DNR has recently invested **\$153,068 in capital development funds** to improve state managed lands in Outagamie County, including the **Outagamie Wildlife Area and the Lower Wolf River Bottomlands Natural Resource Area**.

Community Partnerships

Black Creek Village Library in Outagamie County was one of **17 libraries** chosen to test pilot **Outdoor Explorer Backpacks**. The backpacks encourage kids and families to get outdoors and explore Wisconsin's natural resources.

Fox Valley Technical College was awarded a **\$32,000 grant** to develop, train and coordinate citizen volunteers to monitor **14 tributary streams in the Lower Fox River Basin** (Brown, Outagamie, and Winnebago Counties). The data will be used to begin baseline data collection for the major tributary streams in the Lower Fox River prior to Total Maximum Daily Loads implementation.

DNR granted a total of **\$30,733 to the Outagamie County Sheriff Department** for snowmobile and boat patrol activities.

Snapshot of grants in Outagamie County

A total of **\$3,654,379** was awarded in Outagamie County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: trail maintenance, Shiocan shooting range, Newton Blackmour trail development and a canopy for Greenville ordinance education pruning.

****Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

Forestry Activities

Forestry is the fourth largest employer in the county and produces an economic output of \$2.1 billion, providing \$556.7 million in added value to the county.

Since 2011, **Outagamie County has received \$91,827 in Urban Forestry Grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

Nine communities in Outagamie County have received technical assistance from the DNR between 2011 and 2014, which helped them to develop or improve their urban forest management programs.

Through the Forest Tax Law programs (Forest Crop and MFL), **20,646 acres of private land** in Outagamie County are being properly managed for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment. The Tax Law Programs encourage proper management of timber, wildlife, water quality and the environment through written management plans for a landowner's property.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$16,000 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters.**

Since 2005, **over 6,990 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Outagamie County, providing more than **\$158,000 in revenue** to the state.

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR assisted Tanesay Development in **creating a community neighborhood of housing, retail and green space called RiverHeath**; a 16-acre site along the Fox River in Appleton with a history of over 100 years of multiple industrial uses.

DNR approved **cleanups at 777 contaminated properties** resulting in **58 acres** being made available for reuse, assuring **long-term protection of public health and environment.**

DNR provided **\$123,897 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

DNR provided **\$330,000 in Brownfield Grants** over the past three years to place contaminated properties back into productive use.

Deer Management in Outagamie County

In 2014, Outagamie County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

DNR is working with five landowners who have 212 acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 5,021 deer were registered in Outagamie County with 1,614 harvested during archery deer season and 3,407 harvested during the gun deer season.